

## NEW MEXICO TOWNS

### LAS CRUCES.

From the Citizen.

President A. J. Papen was on the sick list this week.

Agent Hugh McKay is here collecting children for Indian schools.

The Dona Dora Mining company at the Gold Camp have closed down for several weeks.

John Loman of Chama, Mexico, arrived here last Wednesday. He will move his family to Chama.

Professor Hiram Hadley and wife are back from a very pleasant trip to point-a in California.

Attorney Numa Frenger is back from his trip to California. Mrs. Frenger remained and will return in about two weeks.

Harry Bailey, son of Doctor J. H. Bailey of Mesilla, added a half interest in his mine in Mexico last week for \$5,000 cash, and landed the other half for \$12,000.

William Newman and wife of the Bennett mine are back from the Palomares Hot Springs. He went up paralyzed and is now so as to be able to be about but is not entirely well.

From the Republican.

Plans are nearly perfected for the establishment of a large colony of farmers from the east on a tract of land about four miles below La Mesilla.

Mr. Oscar Lohman visited his ranches in the Organ mountain country, this week, and reports grass surprisingly good. That a large amount of hay could now be moved.

Dr. John R. Howes is putting a handsome porch on his new hotel. From the doctor we learn that he is negotiating with a well-to-do experienced hotel man for a lease of the place and that the same will be furnished and opened to business this fall.

### ALAMOGORDO.

From the Advertiser.

The Episcopal church building is now ready for the concrete cement on the outside and for plaster on the inside.

The tower for the fire bell has arrived and will be erected Saturday adjacent to the hose house. The bell has been here for some time.

Monday was pay day with the railroad and lumber companies and something over \$18,000 was distributed by the former and about \$5,000 by the latter.

A gentleman who was connected with the pottery business for many years in the east is authority for the statement that good pottery clay is obtainable in the vicinity of Alamogordo.

Darby A. Day, New Mexico manager of the Mutual Life, with headquarters at Albuquerque is indisposed and delayed in town for the present. He returned the first of the week from a trip to the Wood country.

From the News.

Two good rains have fallen this week and prospects are good for more.

There are 681 scholastic children in this school district according to the last census.

Otero county teachers institute has been in session all the week here with good attendance and good work for the teachers.

We are glad to note that a majority of our merchants are looking forward to good fall and winter trade.

Sixteen lumbermen with their families are due to arrive today and will immediately go to work in the El Paso shops here. These people are coming to locate permanently in Alamogordo.

A two story school is under course of construction on the corner of 5th street and Virginia avenue. July 8. Lovelady are the contractors.

### SANTA FE.

From the New Mexican.

A large number of laborers went to Mesquite yesterday to work on the Albuquerque Eastern railroad.

Paul Corn has been confined to his room at Summit the past two days by illness. It is nothing serious and he will be out again in a few days.

Dr. Edward J. Verr, president of the Normal university at Las Vegas, visited the teachers' institute Tuesday and addressed the teachers on the subject of "The Recitation."

A meeting of the members of the New Mexico Historical society was held August 3, at 5 o'clock at which time Colonel Max Frost was elected as treasurer of the association to succeed George W. Knebel resigned.

The annual spiritual retreat of the Catholic priests of New Mexico convened at St. Michael's college last evening, and will continue for several days. The retreat is in meditation, recitation and prayer.

So far 150 names for next Sunday's excursion to Albuquerque have been secured and it looks as if the complement of 300 necessary to obtain the special train will be made up of tomorrow noon. The excursion coach to be well patronized as it will give Santa Fe people an excellent chance to go to the Lake City on a very low railroad fare.

Replete in its social and food-souping features and merriment, the annual fiesta of the Women's Board of Trade of Santa Fe was given Tuesday afternoon and evening in the Plaza. The opening in the afternoon was fairly well attended, but a very large crowd turned out in the evening. Money was spent freely, all of the best and attractions being well patronized.

### DEMING.

From the Graphic.

Thos. Williams sold his ranch, stock and belongings in the eastern part of this county to Payton and John Snyger a few days ago.

Owing to the washout on the road last week the Ft. Haywood team could not get down here to play the games advertised for last Saturday and Sunday.

day, so arrangements are being made to have games next Saturday and Sunday, and it is confidently expected they will be here at that time and furnish some fine sport on those days. Don't fail to see these games.

We are glad to be able to announce that Miss Phyllis McKee, who has been seriously ill for several weeks is now on the road to recovery.

Saturday, August 20th, Nathan Donald, the little son of Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Bragg, died from the effects of a fever superinduced by a severe cold, result of accidentally overturning a toilet a few weeks ago.

One of the strongest points this year and one that should interest every man, woman and child in New Mexico is the meeting of the territorial irrigation congress. There will be men of national reputation in Albuquerque in connection with this portion of the program and this vital issue to all New Mexicans will be discussed by some of the best informed men in America on that subject.

### McMILLAN IS NO MORE.

A New Town Company Wipes It From the Map.

The passing of the station of McMillan is at hand. The deathknell has sounded and soon the borough will be no more. A new town company has been organized and incorporated and a new town bearing a new name will stand in its place.

C. H. McLenathen and W. M. Allison of this city, who are the prime movers in the company, have been working for some time past to perfect the organization, but not until this week have they been able to focus matters and adjust them to a final settlement. Articles of incorporation are now being prepared and shares in the town company are being sold at \$100 per share. The town will be known as "Seven Rivers," thus perpetuating the name of one of the oldest settlements in this part of the country but which is now almost tradition.

The new company will lay out 200 acres in town lots, streets and parks, plant trees and make general and permanent improvements.—Carlsbad Argus.

MOO-HOO WEEK AT WORLD'S FAIR

75,000 LUMBERMEN WILL BE PRESENT AT BLACK CAT'S CARNIVAL.

More than 75,000 visitors will be attracted to the exposition during the week of September 5, at which time the largest meeting of lumbermen ever brought together will be held under the auspices of the Order of Moo-Hoo.

Not only the members of this unique order, who number 3,500, are taking an interest in this week, but every branch of the lumber business will be represented and will meet to discuss affairs of direct interest to them.

The House of Moo-Hoo will be headquarters for the lumbermen, and it is expected that the proverbial hospitality of the great black cat will be lavied to the limit. Following is the official program for the week:

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 10 a. m.—Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Lumber, Beach and Door Salesmen, of the Northwestern Association of Lumber, Beach and Door Salesmen, 10 a. m.—General meeting of Retail Lumber Dealers from all parts of the United States.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 10 a. m.—Welcoming and registering of arriving guests at House of Moo-Hoo; 8:00 a. m., Ostrich Clusters, Dastanas session; 2:00 p. m., Ostrich Clusters, Infantry Ceremonies; 2:00 p. m., Airline Clusters, Banquet.

Friday, Sept. 7, 9:00 a. m.—Thirtieth Moo-Hoo Annual called to order by Snark Ed M. Vielmeter. Tender of the Fair Grounds by Hon. David R. Francis, President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Acknowledgment for Moo-Hoo, by Senator Moo-Hoo, Frank N. Smith, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Address, "Come See My Lumber Yard, and the Yellow Pine Exhibit," by Dr. Tardison H. Bean, Chief of the Department of Forestry, Fish and Game. Address, "Our House of Moo-Hoo," by J. A. Freeman, of St. Louis.

Address, "Official Orator" of Snark of the Universe, Ed M. Vielmeter, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Annual report of Scrivener J. H. Baled, of Nashville, Tenn.; Appointment of Regular Committees. Resolutions received and referred. Business held over from Twelfth annual, New Business. Resolutions for the day.

At 2:00 p. m. there will be an assembly of visitors at the House of Moo-Hoo to join the ranks in a march to the Door War performance and special camp reception by Generala Cronje and Viljoen, the Door heroes.

At 5:00 p. m. there will be a reception at the House of Moo-Hoo to all visiting lumbermen, lumber, sash and door salesmen, Moo-Hoo and ladies by St. Louis Lumbermen and their ladies.

Saturday, September 10, at 11 a. m. there will be a report of committee; consideration of and action upon committee reports and new business. At 2:00 p. m. all guests will assemble at the House of Moo-Hoo to join the ranks in a march to the Philippine exhibit to see the Igorrote village. More Honors, Luzon village. Constabulary drill and Philippine theater. From 8:00 to 10:00 p. m. at the House of Moo-Hoo there will be a smoker and vaudeville show, the best acts to be secured from the Philippine attractions. There will also be a Japanese garden party in the Imperial gardens, with

entertainment by Goleha girls in native songs and dances. Refreshments will be served by Japanese and Chinese girls.

On Monday, Sept. 12, there will be consideration of and disposal of committee reports at 9:00 a. m. At 2:00 p. m. there will be an assembly of all guests at the House of Moo-Hoo, followed by a march to the Pike, led by William Edy Barnes, via the Canales and Plaza of St. Louis.

At 5:00 p. m. there will be an annual Consecration for those who seek Health, Happiness and Long Life, followed by the regular session on the roof.

At night the ladies will be escorted to Dulmar Gardens to witness the strange spectacle, "Loulouanna," and the eventful week will be brought to a happy close.

### Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News.

Arch talk shop and women talk shopping.

The "Rent partner in a firm always has a lot to say."

Stock quotations are the dialogue used in comic papers.

Debt is apt to worry a man who is unable to obtain credit.

The poor lawyer is apt to have few trials but many tribulations.

Haste is said to make waste, yet there are few hustlers in Almbroos.

Many a man follows the races because he is unable to get ahead of them.

Some real estate men make a specialty of transforming molehills into mountains.

The girl who looks forward to a matrimonial alliance should not be forward-looking.

An Ohio genius is said to have invented a device for utilizing the heat of an argument.

Many a man is capable of judging the affairs of others better than he is of judging his own.

At the age of 40 a man is very apt to feel under existing obligations in the chap who married the girl he was spoony on at the age of 20.

### ST. J. HNS.

From the Herald.

The irritators of this place are busy these days fixing the ditches after the big rains.

The farmers of Greer valley have been having a little trouble this week on account of high water in the Zuni. There is either too much rain in this country or not enough.

The mail was delayed twenty-four hours Thursday on account of high water and bad roads, and no mails arrived from the east, as the railroad is washed out in numerous places between Holbrook and Navajo Springs.

The county board of equalization was in session three days this week and in that time finished the adjustment of the assessments of the county for this year. Numerous raises were made, and the valuation of the county was increased several thousand dollars.

Prof. J. W. Brown, who was attending the Normal school at Flagstaff last month, pays that institution a very high tribute and advises the people of this county to send their children to it after graduating from the schools of this county. He also states that the school is managed to perfection.

### Common Mistake.

Gregory—I am sorry to hear that Squallor is in a bad way financially. What is the cause of it?

Scoriel—As nearly as I can learn, he has been trying to maintain an automobile position in society on a bicycle income.—Chicago Tribune.

### Where He Falls.

"It is too bad the average man can't be satisfied with a good living and not be hounding for more money."

"The average man is satisfied with a good living. The only trouble is that his idea of a good living grows with his income."

### NOTICE OF SUIT.

In the District Court of the County of Bernalillo, Territory of New Mexico.

J. M. Sandoval, plaintiff, versus Max E. Beckers and Marion M. Becker, defendants.

No. 5224.

To the above named defendants: You and each of you are hereby notified that the above named plaintiff has begun suit against you in the above named court and the above named cause, in attachment for the sum of Three Hundred Sixteen and 00/100 dollars due said plaintiff for the payment as surety on a note to First National Bank of Albuquerque.

You are further notified that your property has been attached and that unless you enter your appearance in said cause before October 31st, 1904, judgment will be rendered against you by default for the relief demanded in plaintiff's complaint and your property added to satisfy the same.

You are further notified that plaintiff's attorneys are McMillan and Reynolds, whose postoffice address is Albuquerque, New Mexico.

W. E. DAME, Clerk of said Court.

## AS IF HILLS OF WHITE SUGAR

### THE THIRTY MILES OF SNOWY SANDS OF NEW MEXICO.

The physiognomy of New Mexico is variously marked and favored; here a feature of matchless beauty and violent convulsion of nature. On the face of this tragic countenance of the southwest corner there lies one beauty patch: a spot so white, so pure, so dazzling, that the sun's rays seem to concentrate and reflect a warm white glow up into the face of the heavens. This wonderful phenomenon is called the White Sands of New Mexico, and its origin is variously explained.

Somewhat south of the Staked Plains, where the unnumbered army of white winged pioneers met death from thirst while unwillingly they tried the slight stratum of soil over a vast underground body of water, another great desert-broken plain, wide and still, spreads from mountain range to mountain range, a varying hundred miles between. On the bosom of this plain lie the White Sands, consisting of 70,000 acres of pure white sand hills. The sands form a thirty-mile chain of white hills averaging a height of thirty feet.

For miles along this chain there follows a road, which at one time formed a branch of the old Santa Fe trail, and is still used as a highway between El Paso and the northern part of the territory of New Mexico. Since the building of a railroad in this region, the habit of freighting along this road has passed into disuse, and the road is traveled intermittently by carriages, prospectors and scientists.

Few pass this way by choice, since the lack of water is found on this plain is so impenetrated with alkali as to be unfit for man or beast.

It brings to mind the Surf.

From the railroad the first casual glimpse of the White Sands is so readily likened to a long line of surf that the traveler's mind frequently fails to grasp the meaning of so unusual a sight as ten miles of spray dashed beach in the heart of a desert country.

From Alamogordo to Kearney the white line is so markedly visible as to be of necessity remarked. There it lies, curling white for many miles, to the vision an unapproachable coast line, and the salt tang of the sea may recur to the nostrils. In the first instant moment of seeing the white line and sniffing the invigorating air of that high altitude.

A good road leads from Alamogordo to the White Sands, twenty miles away. A closer view of the sands is infinitely more amazing. The sand lies in great white sand dunes, like drifted snow so white, dazzling as to blind the vision, after the manner of new fallen snow, under a morning sun. The White Sands have not the appearance of belonging to the soil or country. They occur abruptly and in a series of bumps which huddle close together, and end as abruptly as they have begun. The sands seem to have been spilled from the sky, or blown up from the lowest recesses of the earth, like some outcropping of precious stone or metal.

The various theories in regard to the origin of this sand heap are based upon the definite knowledge of their composition. The White Sands are almost pure gypsum. The theory most generally accepted is that of a great lake once covering the region, which receded, leaving behind the deposit of gypsum. The grains of the sand are the same as that of oolitic limestone, and the recent discovery of strata of lime and sandstone in the vicinity of the sands has given rise to another theory in regard to the deposit.

According to this second theory the sands at one time are supposed to have been oolitic limestone. During a volcanic eruption, the sulphuric acid gas of the volcano has driven off the calcareous acid gas, thereby producing the chemical constituents of the sands, in which are found phosphate of lime, potash, magnesia, soda, alumina, silica and traces of borax and nitrates. The salt, soda and potash ingredients are abundant.

The substance of the White Sands is peculiarly dry and white, not unlike granulated sugar. It is in fact, almost pure plaster of paris. Underneath the dry surface the sand is moist and cohesive, and may further be resembled to mud in that it packs in the hand like snow, and a sand ball light on top of the white sands in summer is quite as exciting as a snow ball light in winter, and less productive of cold fingers and pneumonia. The sand has it has drifted in the wind, and is constantly changing color, much as the sand dunes of any beach, but the weight of the sand naturally prevents more than a gradual and slight deviation, such as the altering of the course of the road toward the south end, which has been moved out several feet during the last few years. The sand dunes average ten miles in width and may be easily ascended, though the feet slip through the upper crust and sink into several inches of sand with each step. An outgrowth of various small shrubs from the sand is another curious feature of the desert. The appearance of vegetation on the white surface is extremely remarkable and as unlooked for as the sudden uprooting of a sprout in a barrel of sugar.

The sands are not without certain superstitious legends in the country where they occur. The Mexicans view the huge pile with vague interest and occasionally with open fear.

A Tragedy of the Sands.

An excuse for considering the White Sands as a portent of evil is the memory, fresh in the minds of New Mexicans, though dating some years back, of the strange disappearance of Colonel "Jack" Fountain and his son in the vicinity of the White Sands. Colonel Fountain and the little child were thought to have been murdered and their bodies hidden in the White Sands. If this be true, the white sepulchre guards its secret with Sphinx-like gravity. The husband driven by Colonel Fountain was found on the edge of the sands, and from that day to this no trace of the man or child has been discovered. The times were strenuous in New Mexico, and Colonel Fountain had enemies; his fate remains a secret. The child's body was found in the vicinity and the countless tragedies enacted in the shade of this white, velvety pile have added the touch of mystery to a scene already beautiful and inexplicable. The sands are like a white blot on the painted desert, yet changed as an opal. The milky whiteness, the fire of iridescent colors on the tingling globules of sand, the change and renewal of dunes, and the unholly beauty within the folds of soft white sand are such as mark the opal and give it a superstitious significance as well as an artistic value.

Recently a commercial aspect has threatened the White Sands. It is proposed to manufacture various articles from the gypsum. Experiments have shown that the sand may be used to produce a plaster cement equal in strength to the best made and weighing 25 per cent less. Hecla made of this powdered sand are equal in appearance to Philadelphia pressed brick, weigh about half as much, and are able to withstand a pressure of nearly 1,000 pounds to the square inch. A fine quality of chalk has been produced in the tentative effort to discover the various commercial uses to which the sand may be put. But these various plans for the commercial desecration of one of the wonders of the world have been for the most part verbally undertaken, and the white sands still lie untouched; a white silence under the bright New Mexican moon and a blaze of glory tipped by the fire of the setting sun.

—Kansas City Star.

The New Mexican says: "Corporal Jacob Bureau, of Company F, First Regiment of Infantry, New Mexico National Guard will leave shortly for Albuquerque, where he goes to reside. He made a farewell speech to the boys of Company F at the armory last night."

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"Borax King" Smith is behind the new corporation, but what railroad is lacking him cannot be ascertained, but it is either the Santa Fe or the Salt Lake.

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Railroad Physicians Re-sign—Agreed many Santa Fe railroad men will hear with regret that Dr. E. R. Shaw, chief surgeon of the local hospital of the Santa Fe Employees' Hospital association, and Assistant Surgeon H. M. Smith have tendered their resignation to take effect November 1 of the present year. Dr. Shaw and Dr. Smith will continue to officiate as resident surgeons in charge of the Las Vegas dispensary of the hospital association and as consulting physicians at the hospital. A new resident hospital surgeon will be appointed who will devote all his time to the hospital practice.—Las Vegas Optic.

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TO BE BROAD GAUGED.

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